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Head of CIA Office Here Dies at 69; Rites Tomorrow

Capt. Hudson D. Dravo, 69, USNR, former head of the Delaware Navy Reserve and officer in charge of the area office of the Central Intelligence Agency here until his death, died yesterday of cancer.

Captain Dravo lived with his wife, Margaret Duncan Dravo on Barkingfield Farm, near Kennett Square.

Memorial services will be held at Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, tomorrow morning at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Arthur Doersam, assistant rector, and the Rt. Rev. Arthur McKinstry, former Bishop of Delaware, officiating. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, with full military honors, on Wednesday at 3 p. m. The family requests that flowers be omitted and contributions be made to a favorite charity.

Captain Dravo, who was born in Pittsburgh, and graduated from Yale University, came to Wilmington at the beginning of World War II to form the Delaware unit of the Naval Reserve Battalion. He stayed here in that capacity until 1945 when



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he was promoted to the rank of captain and retired.

While on active duty with the Navy here Captain Dravo was responsible for Navy intelligence in the Wilmington and Harrisburg areas. After going on inactive duty he continued in intelligence work with the CIA, heading their office here.

He entered the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1937 at the Cavite Navy Yard in Manila, in the Philippines. Prior to his induction he had served as vice president and foreign sales manager of the Gregg Car Company of London. He was employed by that company for 20 years and worked at various assignments for them throughout the world.

Captain Dravo was also a veteran of World War I, serving in two major engagements with the Army as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. James M. Morris and Miss Dorothy Dravo, both of Pittsburgh.